THE

Theatrical Observer;

AND

Daily Bills of the Play.

" Nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice."—*Othello.*

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" The Play's the thing."—Ask for *Thomas's Observer.*

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

MADAME CELESTE is re-engaged at this Theatre, and will make her appearance on Wednesday next in *Foreign Affairs.*

ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

THE indefatigable stage-manager, Mr. James Vining, takes his Benefit on Wednesday evening next. He will no doubt have that which his constant attention entitles him to expect—a bumper.

NEW STRAND.—The Drama of *The Devil and Dr. Faustus* will be revived here this week, followed by *Lucky Stars, Boots at the Swan,* and *Doings in Bond Street.* A domestic Drama of powerful interest is in active preparation, and will be produced on Monday next, entitled *Legerdemain; or, the Conjuror's Wife.*

VICTORIA.—The popular Drama of *The Dream Spectre* will be performed at this Theatre every night this week; *The Soldier's Bride,* and *The Kingdom of Women,* are the other entertainments.

QUEEN'S.—Mr. Collins and Mrs. Honey will appear here every night this week; the performances consist of *The Runaway, The Irish Ambassador,* and *Juan in Love.*

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean left London by the Antwerp steamer yesterday; they intend to visit the Rhine and Switzerland.

Theatricals in the United States.—The theatrical world in this country is in a very curious state at present. Nearly all the large Theatres are shut up. The Park being the only one that is open, and as Elssler dances her last to-night (Friday) in this country, we presume that the Park will soon close—at least for the season. She returns to Europe 100,000 dollars richer than when she left it. The Brahams are out west, delighting all who hear them, and reaping a rich harvest. Forrest is also out west. When last heard from he was playing a brilliant engagement at Cincinnati. Mrs. Fitzwilliam and Buckstone have not yet reached the city. The Tremont and Chesnut Theatres are closed.

Miss Hamblin, the murderess, who killed her husbaud, it will be recollected, after they had been performing on the stage, had surrendered herself to the authorities of New Jersey.

Caldwell intends erecting a magnificent Opera House in New Orleans for next winter.

Anecdote of Braham.—The Boston Transcript gives the following: " A somewhat laughable incident occurred the last time Mr. Braham was here. The incomparable vocalist had heard so much about the celebrated Elder Knapp that he one evening went, with some members of his famlly, to hear and see the somewhat eccentric divine. Having been obliged on account of the crowd, to listen to the sermon at something more than a " respectful distance," the prince of tenors, when those who were seeking after religion were invited to come forward and seat themselves in the pews near the pulpit, wishing to obtain a nearer view of the preacher, (not being able, owing to his short sightedness, to distinguish a man from a mouse a rood from his nose, and not understanding the purport of the invitation), walked deliberately up the broad aisle, and seated himself in one of the

pews in close proximity to the sacred desk. As he was, with the aid of his eye glass, scrutinising the figure and features of the Elder with the eager gaze of curiosity, completely absorbed in his work, a reverend or lay gentleman inquired of him, in tones of soothing tenderness, what was the state of his mind, and how he felt? "Never better in my life, thank you," responded the vocalist, on the point of grasping the hand of the stranger, who had, as he thought, merely inquired after the state of his health."

Fashionable Lounges.

To the Editor of The Theatrical Observer,

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Just wish to say a word—beg pardon, hope I don't intrude—but will you excuse me—I have to mention that I've arranged so as to rub shoulders with my friends and the fashionable world at one or other of the *Grand Lounges* about town :—

Monday, stroll to MADAME TUSSAUD'S elegant Exhibition, Golden Corinthian Saloon, Baker-street, Portman-square.—Just added to her unrivalled collection the King of Prussia, the Prince of Wales, Commissioner Lin and his Consort, modelled for this exhibition by Lamqua, of Canton, with the original magnificent dresses, &c. obtained at a great risk ; the only figures of the kind ever seen in Europe. Also just added, the Princess Royal, in her beautiful cot, with the gorgeous Robes of George the Fourth designed by himself at a cost of 18,000*l.*

Tuesday, paid another visit to the THAMES TUNNEL, which is now completed, and is 1,200 feet in length. On Monday, the 1st of August the entrance will be on the Middlesex side, close to the Tunnel Pier at Wapping, when the entrance to Rotherhithe will be closed, in order to finish a new Staircase ; on the completion of which the Tunnel will be opened as a thoroughfare for foot Passengers.

Wednesday, call at 21, Old Bond Street. to hear the extraordinary novelty, *The Rock Harmonicon*, which produces tones of the richest and sweetest harmony, wholly produced from fragments found among the Rocks of the majestic Skiddaw, in Cumberland. It extends to a compass of five octaves and a half, accompanied with all the additional semitones. This extraordinary instrument is the invention of Mr. Joseph Richardson, and his three sons perform on it, daily, from 10 o'clock until Dusk. The variety of tunes they execute are really endless.

Afterwards visit the *Chinese Collection*, St. George's Place, Hyde Park Corner. It consists of objects exclusively Chinese, comprising upwards of 50 figures as large as life, in their native costume, from the highest mandarin to the mechanic; and replete with articles illustrative of their manufactures, habits, and domestic arrangements.—This exhibition is well worthy of inspection.

Thursday, I am to be found at the *Magic Cave*, 35, Strand, admiring a most interesting view of *The City of Hamburgh*, painted by Mr. Cox, from sketches taken upon the spot by James Medhurst, Esq., towards the end of the late disastrous conflagration. The extraordinary effect produced gives nearly all the reality of the fire itself. In additiou to this view there are seventeen others equally effective. Open from 10 in the morning until 10 at night.—Admission 6d.

You may talk of eye snuff, but after having the head-ache for a year, popped into PERRING'S, 85, Strand. got one of his superb Beavers, so light lost the head-ache in a minute—was shewn one of his elegant Velvet Hats, could not resist buying one of them also, price 13s—wonderful.

In my way from the Theatre, drop into the *Harmonic Meeting*, held at EVANS'S Grand Hotel, King Street, Covent Garden,- quite delighted with the excellence of the singing—commences every evening at ten o'clock. When Mrs. P. is out of town, stay a week, and only pay a guinea for bed and breakfast. I'm always to be found on Saturday, at half-past five, at the Convivial Dinner held here.

Friday, called at EMMETT'S, 27, Holborn Hill, to view his Novel Pen Maker, by which any one can make a superior Pen in less than one minute ! also his improved Needle Threader, to enable Ladies, whose sight is impaired to thread their needles with the greatest ease—a most ingenious contrivance.

Strolled along Regent Street—stumbled upon GENT'S newly opened BILLIARD ROOMS, 251, Regent Circus, (two doors from Oxford-st.)—like to see what's going on—looked into the public room—fairly staggered back with amazement—*such a Slate Table ! ! !*—certainly the most magnificent one ever yet produced, and for precision quite a mathematical treat. I was on my way to the Polytechnic to get electrified, but found I did not require it.—A fashionable lounge for Billiard players

Have just been to Holborn Hill, for another pair of WILSON'S New Footed Boots,—talk of economy, why my expense for boots will not be half as much as it used to be, and Mrs. P. has at last found a good shop for the children's shoes,—the neat little *leather bound* shoes that Wilson makes—wear twice as long as those of the ordinary description. and never look shabby. If you go, mind the houses are immediately opposite St. Andrew's Church, 95, and 97.

Saturday, I examine MISS LINWOOD'S curious Needle Work, Leicester Square—

Theatre Royal, English Opera.

This Evening, the Drama of A

DREAM at SEA.

Trevanion, Mr GREEN,
Richard Pendrell ..... Mr A. WIGAN.
Black Ralph, Mr O. SMITH,
Launce Lynwood.....Mr W. H. BLAND,
Alley Croaker, Mr GRANBY,
Tommy Tinkle..... ..... Mr OXBERRY,
Anne Trevanion, Miss FAUCIT,
Biddy Nutts .....Miss PINCOTT,
Margaret, Mrs EMDEN,
Ralph's Children....Master Clark and Miss France.

After which, the Farce of The

Illustrious Stranger !

Azan, Mr BARKER,
Gimbo, Mr J. BLAND, Alibajou, Mr GRANBY,
Benjamin Bowbell, Mr HARLEY,
Aboulifar, Mr A. WIGAN, HighPriest, MrBURT,
Princess Irza, Mrs HUGHES,
Fatima .... Miss PINCOTT.

To be followed by, (14th Time) a New and original Drama, in Two Acts, entitled The

LONE HUT!

Jerome, Mr F. Matthews, Antoine, MrW.H.Bland,
Lindorf, Mr Diddear, Albert, Mr Freeborn,
Paul Prophetic, Mr Harley,
Brent, Mr A. Wigan, An Hungarian, Mr O Smith,
Tracato, Mr Burt, Vernet, Mr George,
Hortense, Miss Faucit, Lisette, Miss Crisp,
Babet, Miss Murray, Pauline, Miss Taylor,
Estelle, Miss Fairbrother, Genevieve, MrsDiddear.

To conclude with, (First Time) a Grand Burlesque Ballet, called

GRIZELLE

Or, Dancing Mad.

A Legend of St. Vitus.

The Grand Duke of Skyleisure, Signor Oxberrini,
Prince of Cowland, Signor Wiganini,
Grizelle, (Dancing Mad) Madlle. L. Fairbrotherini,
Princess Tilda, Madlle. Kendalini,
Queen of the Willies ... Madame Diddearini.

Theatre Royal, Hay-Market.

This Evening, the Comedy of The

SCHOOL
FOR
SCANDAL.

Sir Peter Teazle, Mr W. FARREN,
Sir Oliver Surface .....Mr STRICKLAND,
Sir Beajamin Backbite, MrVINING,
Joseph Surface ..... Mr STUART,
Charles Surface, Mr H. HOLL,
Crabtree, Mr TILBURY, Careless, Mr HOWE,
Moses, Mr CLARK,

Lady Teazle.....Mrs NISBETT,
Mrs Candour, Mrs GLOVER,
Lady Sneerwelll.....Mrs W, CLIFFORD,
Maria, Mrs EDWIN YARNOLD,

After which, (7th Time) a new Comic Drama, in Two Acts, called

Peter and Paul.

Peter Britton, Mr W. FARREN,
Paul Britton ..... Mr STRICKLAND,
Lord Dandelion, Mr TILBURY,
Schemer, MrVINING, Arthur Willoughby, Mr HOWE
Bennet . MrWORRELL,

Mrs Peter Britton ..... Mrs GLOVER,
Emma, Mrs E. YARNOLD,

To conclude with, the Farce of

JOHN JONES.

Guy Goodluck, Esq., Mr STRICKLAND,
John Jones ..... Mr HOWE,
Mr Milton, Mr T. F. MATHEWS,
Servant, Mr ENNIS, Cox, Mr CLARK,
Eliza, Miss MATTLEY, Jenny, MissPartridge,

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